

To representative at FCC board pertaining to the restriction of XM / Satellite radio to provide local service:

I respectfully request that you seriously consider petition # 04-160 and hope you reject the pressure of special interest groups to limit the services that I as a individual can receive from XM radio or other pay radio services.

I specifically state "pay" radio service as it is clear the obvious success of XM based on their subscriber base that the publicly available programming is not adequate. I personally find that XM serves me in a far superior fashion than over the air / local broadcasts ever have.

Please understand, I do not particularly like that I am not supporting local revenue because I would honestly rather have the radio stations advertising revenues going back into my local community but that argument does not fly for the local stations either as most of our local stations are owned by a large national organization so I would guess that very little of the advertising dollars are reentering my local area.

As I understand it, NAB is petitioning that XM can use localized information in select markets particularly regarding weather and traffic. There is NO station that currently provides the level of service that the XM traffic stations provide. The local feed has not even started in my area and I have already used it outside of my local area. I ask you, what other media gives you up to the minute traffic information? (And I am not refering to every 10 minutes, especially when dealing with a metro area like Miami)